



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Wednesday to Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.00am

Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am & Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

7 APRIL 2019

First Reading **Is 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Second Reading **Phil 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my

own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel **Jn 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought

a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY 13/14 APRIL

Saturday

5.00pm Vigil Mass, blessing of palms & procession

Sunday

8.00am Mass, blessing of palms & procession

10.00am Mass, blessing of palms & procession

HOLY WEEK

Monday 15 April

6.45am Mass

Tuesday 16 April

6.45am Mass

Wednesday 17 April

6.45am Mass & 9.15am Mass

Holy Thursday 18 April

10.30am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Washing of feet, Adoration

Good Friday 19 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Passion Service and veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 20 April

8.00am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food

7.00pm Easter Vigil, blessing of Fire & Water, Adult Baptism

Easter Sunday 21 April

8.00am Mass & 10.00am Mass

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grieving after abortion visit
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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 8/4	6.45am Mass	Mass
Tue 9/4	6.45am 7.00pm 8.00pm	Mass Meditation on the Passion of the Lord Mass
Wed 10/4	6.45am 9.15am 7.00pm	Mass Mass Holy Week Liturgy Practice
Thu 11/4	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Parish Choir Practice at 8 Wallace St Sefton
Fri 12/4	6.45am 9.15am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Easter Confessions Stations of the Cross
Sat 13/4	8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 7.00pm 6.30pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass & Blessing of Palms Stations of the Cross Malayalam
Sun 14/4	PALM SUNDAY 8.00am 10.00am	Mass & Blessing of Palms Mass & Blessing of Palms



*"Family that pray together
stay together"*
PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Flores Family
23 The Boulevard, Lidcombe

*Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for
the Rosary.*

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary
prayer please contact Mona
on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

From Legion of Mary, Berala
at the Ilboudo Home

To host the Rosary Statue Legion of
Mary, Berala call
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

14 APRIL 2019

PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
MUSIC & SINGING	Kate PARISH & PARISH CHOIR	Alannah KASSIS	ELMER'S GROUP
LECTOR/S	Noelene DONNELLAN	Michael CHOW	Maureen HYNES
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PASSION NARRATIVE			
GOSPEL NARRATOR	Phirum Duch	Jenny Michael	Suzie Mravunac
GOSPEL CROWD	Joy Skerritt	Joe Moses	Anna Facer
GOSPEL OTHER	Flavia NARAYAN	Karim KASSIS	Amanda GAHAN
SP. MINISTER	Elizabeth CHIA		Mai VU
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	John SHANLEY
GREETERS	Katy & FAMILY	Joe MOSES	Alan THAM, Suly TAN, Gilbert KIM

Hospital Visitation Sat: John Le Mottee &
Mariana Tannous

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le
Mottee; Jann Rockliff & Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun: Bob Kensey & Christine Kensey

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group

Children's liturgy: School Holidays

Saturday 8AM

13 APRIL

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann ROCKLIFF

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Kathleen Cassie Resuello,
Karen Abdallah, Kathleen Gabrielle

Recently Deceased: Gwen Ross, Fr
Joseph Lo, Cheryl Thompson

Anniversary: Josip Živković, Kata
Živković, Vid Živković, Ivo Matasic

Deceased: Francis Kong, Nellie Lim,
Pat Kavanagh, Fr Graham Kings, Fr
Eugene Denis SJ, Van Nguyen

Deceased Members and Friends of:
Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer
& Erwin Families

HEART OF FLESH



Interviewing Pope Francis in July 2015, Italian journalist Andrea Tornielli asked the pope how he might act as a confessor to a gay person in light of his now famous remarks in a press conference in 2013, when he asked: "Who am I to judge?" "On that occasion I said this: If a person is gay and seeks out the Lord and is willing, who am I to judge that person?" the pope said. "I was paraphrasing by heart the Catechism of the Catholic Church where it says that these people should be treated with delicacy and not be marginalized." (*Ref National Catholic Reporter, 10 Jan 2016*)

Pope's response was a reflection of what Jesus said to a woman caught in adultery. Our Lord said, "*Neither do I condemn you. Go your way and from now on do not sin.*" (*John 8:11*). The Jewish leaders wanted to test Jesus loyalty; whether it is to the Mosaic Law or to the Roman authority. They said, "*Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?*" (*John 8:4-5*). If Jesus was to endorse the stoning of the woman as per the Pharisaic understanding of the Mosaic Law, he would have been violating the Roman authority. Only the Roman imperial power had the authority to impose death penalty. To the Pharisaic minds, if Jesus spared execution of the woman caught in adultery, he will be violating the Law Moses has given. But Jesus before pronouncing anything, kept on writing in the soft soil, as if rewriting the Mosaic Law. The Jewish leaders understood Moses' teaching like hard laws written on stone tablets. Therefore they were rigid in their observance of the Law of Moses. But Jesus, the new Moses, wrote on the soft soil, as if fulfilling the prophecy of Ezekiel; "*I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh*" (*Ezekiel 36:26*). It was an invitation for all the self-righteous standing with stones around the sinner woman to look into their own hearts. Jesus said, "*Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" (*John 8:7*).

Our Lenten disciplines are to break through the hard shell of self-righteousness and look onto our hearts to see whether they are stony or flesh. Love, compassion, and upholding the dignity of our sisters and brothers are the marks of the Laws of the Kingdom of God. But we also need to be mindful that compassion and empathy is not a justification for complaisance. What Jesus told the woman should resonate in our minds always; "*Go your way, and from now on do not sin again*" (*John 8:11*).

REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 8:1-11

Gospel Focus – Restoring honour
When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

Living the Gospel – Forgiven, not forgotten
The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Scriptural context – Jerusalem
This gospel passage begins with Jesus going to the Mount of Olives. We know the Mount of Olives best from the passion narratives in the synoptic gospels. But today's passage is not part of the last week of Jesus' life. The three synoptic gospels generally portray the ministry of Jesus as something of a journey towards Jerusalem and have him arriving just in time for the Passover and his arrest. However, the gospel of John places most of Jesus' ministry in and around Jerusalem to better focus the tension between the teachings of Jesus and the Jewish hierarchy.



Next Sunday is Passion Sunday, which is also known as Palm Sunday. Arthur is providing the palms for blessing and procession on Palm Sunday weekend Masses.

The palms needed to cut into small pieces. We also need to decorate the church with palms. Therefore the Liturgy Committee is looking for volunteers to come and help on Friday, 12 April after the Stations of the Cross. If you can volunteer, please bring a sharp knife or a clipper with you.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God

From the book addressed to Autolytus by Saint Theophilus of Antioch (120-190 A.D.)

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear.

It is like this. Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. They get to know things that are different from each other. They distinguish light and darkness, black and white, ugliness and beauty, elegance and inelegance, proportion and lack of proportion, excess and defect. The same is true of the sounds we hear: high or low or pleasant. So it is with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in their capacity to hear or see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see him, provided that they keep the eyes of their mind open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind that are shrouded in darkness because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through his Word and wisdom. Through his Word and wisdom he created the universe, for by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array. His wisdom is supreme. God by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he arranged the heavens, by his knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew.

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the immortal One, if you believe in him now.

PARISH NEWS

Washing of Feet

On Holy Thursday, 18 April, evening at 7.30 PM is the Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord. Part of the ceremony is to wash the feet of 12 people remembering what Jesus did and taught at his Last Supper. .

We would like you to nominate yourself to have the feet washed at the Mass on Holy Thursday. Please advise the Parish office on info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au if you are volunteering

Project Compassion Boxes

You are welcome to make an offertory of your Project Compassion donations at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Therefore bring your Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes on 18 April for the Mass at 7.30 PM, and place it in the baskets of offering provided.

Easter Confessions

On Fridays after Stations of the Cross Fr Thomas will be available to hear confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on: Friday 12 April from 6.00 PM – 6.45 PM and 7.35 PM – 8.30 PM and Saturday, 13 April from 9.00 AM – 10.00 AM.

Altar Servers for Holy Week Liturgies

All altar servers and invited to serve at the Liturgies of the Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday night (7.30 PM), Good Friday Passion Service at 3

PM, Easter Vigil at 7 PM on Saturday, 20 April and Easter Sunday. The Altar Servers who will be ministering at the Holy Week Liturgies are invited to a practice at 7 PM on Wednesday, 10 April at the Church.

Chrism Mass

There will not be any morning Mass on Holy Thursday, 18 April at our Church. You are invited to join the Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30 AM on this day. At this Mass Archbishop Anthony Fisher will bless the three Holy Oils, Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumen, and the Chrism Oil. A portion of these oils will be brought to the parish and will be presented before the Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30 pm at St Peter Chanel Church.

Blessing of Easter Food

On Easter Saturday, 20 April there will be blessing of Easter Food after the Morning Prayer at 8 AM. You are welcome to bring some food you will be sharing in your family for the celebration of Easter and get it blessed.

Speaking Awesome Words - Lector Workshop

For those who have registered, we shall be having a combined workshop with St Felix parishioners on Wednesday 1 May at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall. The workshop shall be ran by Dr Jason McFarland from the ACU Centre for Liturgy.

PARISH NEWS

Meditation on the Passion of the Lord



On Tuesday, 9 April, Fr Thomas will lead a meditation on the Passion of the Lord (According to Luke). It will be from 7PM – 8 PM. Following the meditation there will be Mass at 8 PM.

All are invited to this Meditation and the Mass. It would help to know the number of people attending.

Meditation on the Easter Mysteries

On the Tuesday of the Holy Week, 16 April, Fr Thomas will be leading a meditation on the Easter Mysteries, starting at 7 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 8 PM. All are invited to join the Meditation. It would help to know the number of people attending



Initiation of Adults into Catholic Church at Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday (20 April) evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. *We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at his table (cf. Luke 12:35ff).* All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. There are four parts to Easter Vigil.

1. Service of Light: Fire and Paschal Candle are blessed and Exultet is sung. Everyone in the congregation will be able to join in the celebration with their own lighted candles.
2. Liturgy of the Word: There will be five readings from the Old Testament with special Responsorial Psalms sung in between.
3. Liturgy of Baptism: After the solemn blessing of water, David, Kim, and Joe will be initiated into the Catholic Church.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Roman Canon will be used for the Liturgy.

After the Vigil service, we as a parish shall give a reception supper for the newest members of our faith family: David, Kim and Joe. You are welcome to bring some finger food and slices for the supper in the Hall after the Easter Vigil Mass. It would help plan the catering if you could indicate to the parish office what you will be providing.

Funeral Service for Gwen Ross

Long time parishioner **Gwendolene Margaret Ross** died on Tuesday, 2 April.

Funeral Service for her will be held in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday 9 April at 3.00pm.
May she rest in Peace.



Dedication of the Church

The ceremony of the Dedication of our Church, on the 60th anniversary of its blessing, will be done by Archbishop Anthony Fisher on Sunday 11 August. It is a special occasion to celebrate.



The dedication candles are ready. The reliquary for St Peter Chanel's relic is ready. Rhia is working on a souvenir book. Arthur is ready with the canopy for the procession with the relic. Karim, Charlie and Jenny are working on organising volunteer teams for hospitality, traffic management, and other chores. Maureen is training the Parish Choir to sing the newly written Parish Anthem and other songs. Still more

volunteers are required to help with publicity, photography, mobile sound system, and such other things. Volunteers willing to help in any capacity are welcome to leave their contact details with the Parish Office.

This is also a year of rejuvenation for the parish as such. Theology of the Body program and the Bible Study Programs are part of it. Amanda Gahan and Susie Mravunac are coordinating Youth Group activities. In addition to the Chanel Schola for the primary school children, a Youth Choir is in formation with Cecilia Loloa and team. Our Parish will be fully alive when all parishioners have a special role to play in the life of it. Let us make that as our goal. It is fitting to have our parishioners dedicating their time, talent, and their treasure along with our celebration of the Dedication of the Church.

Choir Practice for Holy Week

Practice continues this Sunday, 7 April from 4.00pm -6.00pm in the Church. You are all are very welcome to come along and get to know our Holy Week Music so that you can join in the Easter singing with joy and confidence. We need more singers and musicians to commit to Music Ministry in the Parish so that we can keep our singing uplifting and inspiring. **We practice every Thursday evening from 7.30pm and finish with short supper.** All are welcome! We would love you to join us and get to know some other parishioners at the same time. For more info please ring Maureen on 0407 268 180 or 9644 5818.

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

St Joseph's Prayer Group Teaching Day. Sat, 13 April |
9.45am-3.30pm | Speaker: Fr George Sigamony | St
Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 126 Liverpool Road,
Enfield | Cost: \$15 | Please bring a dish for our communal
lunch. Coffee & tea provided | Contact: Rose on 9642
2359 or 0412 115 961 or email
rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Broadway

On **Saturday, April 13** from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will
include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch
and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers.
Event is free, registration essential: (02) 8204 4189 email:
Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au | Trybooking.com/475522.

**Palm Sunday Rally & March—Walk for Refugees. 2pm on
Sunday 14 April**, Belmore Park (Near Central Station).
Speakers include Dr Minjed Al Mueris (Iraqi Refugee and
renowned surgeon), Craig Foster (Football legend and
'Save Hakeem' campaign). Contact Ian on 0417 275 713
or Peter on 0418 312 301.

2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance. Sydneysiders are
invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and
retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer
and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a
Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and
the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral
choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to
the Mass. **24th April 2019 | 5.30pm | St Mary's Cathedral**

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies. The One Million
Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer
event is scheduled for **3, 4 and 5 May** this year. For details
<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

SUPPORT & SERVICES

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Tribunal of the Catholic Church. Outreaching to all of those
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question the validity of their first marriage as understood
by the Church. (02) 6239 9813 Email: tribunal@cg.org.au.

MISCELLANEOUS

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone. In his
message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we
should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain."
The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act,
and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon.
Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and
online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent 7th April 2019



Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my
cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue
me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered
Zion from bondage, it seemed like a
dream. Then was our mouth filled
with laughter, on our lips there were
songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for
them!' What marvels the Lord
worked for us! Indeed we were
glad. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our
bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will
sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of
tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves.
(R.)

Gospel Acclamation Jn 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

Communion Antiphon Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn
you. From now on, sin no more.

Next Week's Readings

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Lk 22:14 –
23:56